

ALLEN PLACE.

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Mr. CROWTHER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4852.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4852) granting a pension to Allen Place, having considered the same, respectfully report:

The report of the Third Auditor of the War Department says:

The name of Allen Place is borne as private on the rolls of Company A, Fourth Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia, from April 18 to June 12, 1863. In service sixty days, with the remark "transferred."

The records of the War Department, so Colonel Ainsworth reports, fail to show the name of Allen Place on any rolls of the First Missouri State Militia Cavalry.

Capt. William V. McGee, of Company M, First Missouri State Militia Cavalry, testifies that he recruited claimant out of Company A, Fourth Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia, about the 1st of June, 1863, and that he was immediately sworn into service and taken to Lexington, Mo., by affiant, and there the claimant and all the company drew clothing and were sent to Napoleon, Mo., and that he did service regularly as a soldier until about the 1st of September, 1863, when he took sick and was sent to hospital at Lexington, Mo., where it was affiant's understanding he was discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability. The reason affiant remembers the facts so well is that affiant was arrested by Capt. Joab Woodruff, of Company A, Fourth Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia, and taken to St. Joseph, Mo., and held for violating orders in recruiting claimant from Woodruff's company. "My right to so recruit was finally decided by the governor of the State, and I then took claimant and my other recruits and reported with them at Lexington, Mo., the then headquarters of my regiment, where we were put on active duty at the post until about the 1st of August, when we were ordered to Napoleon." The company was not regularly mustered into the United States service until after claimant was discharged.

Maj. Joseph H. McGee, a prominent citizen of Gallatin, Mo., formerly State register of lands, testifies that he was major of the First Missouri State Militia Cavalry, and was in Lexington, Mo., about August 1, 1863, when Company M of said regiment was ordered to Napoleon, Mo., and saw the company and knows that Allen Place was one of them. He had known Allen Place from childhood, and was well acquainted with him.

It is therefore clear that Allen Place did service with this company for nearly three months, in addition to his service in Company A, Fourth Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia.

The proof shows that Allen Place is now blind in the right eye and is afflicted with disease of heart and lungs, rheumatism, and neuralgia, and is wholly incapacitated for performing manual labor.

His application for pension was rejected at the Pension Bureau because of the failure of the War Department records to show that he served the requisite ninety days.

The committee believe he served nearly five months, and that his claim is meritorious, and therefore recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment, adding after the word "Cavalry," in line 8, the words "at the rate of twelve dollars per month."

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